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Perhaps the hottest spots in the city were along Main Street, where the breezes forgot to blow. A drug store thermometer was exposed to the sun for a few minutes it went to 103, and that heat of the street was what the suffering public got. Meanwhile the official thermometer on top of The Times building was where the suffering man gets his records. Florida had much the best of the argument so far as actual comfort went, the thermometer there averaging two to three degrees below what Richmond got.

The forecast for to-day is generally fair, but the amount of heat. No records have been broken as yet. Another day or so of weather like that at the Virginia and North Carolina Wheel Works, below Fulton, a number of the men had to be carried home and receive medical treatment.

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